

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: Varied, dependent upon the data collection method employed. The response time will vary from 15 minutes to fill out a questionnaire to several hours to participate in an empirical study. Average response time is expected to be 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 2,000.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden: \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, *e.g.*, the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 17, 2003.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

Title: Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Management Information Reporting.

Form: None.

OMB Approval Number: 0693-0032.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 4,048.

Number of Respondents: 60.

Average Hours Per Response: 68 hours.

Needs and Uses: The Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), sponsored by NIST, is a national network of locally-based manufacturing extension centers working with small manufacturers to help improve their productivity, improve profitability and enhance their economic competitiveness.

The collected information will provide the MEP with information regarding the centers' performance in the delivery of technology, and business solutions to US-based manufacturers. The information obtained will assist in determining the performance of the MEP Centers at both a local and national level, as well as, the impact on the national economy. Responses to the collection of information are mandatory per the regulations governing the operation of the MEP Program (15 CFR 290, 291, 292, and H.R. 1274—Section 2).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Jacqueline Zeiher, (202) 395-4638.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Jacqueline Zeiher, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: March 17, 2003.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Fastener Quality Act Requirements

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent prudent, invites the general paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506 (2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 20, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Wayne Stiefel, International Legal Metrology Group, 301-975-4011 or via the Internet at stiefel@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), a component of the Technology Administration reporting to the Under Secretary for Technology, under the Fastener Quality Act (the Act) (Public Law 101-592 amended by Public Law 104-113, Public Law 105-234 and Public Law 106-34) is required to accept an affirmation from laboratory accreditation bodies and quality system registrar accreditation bodies. They are required to meet the applicable International Organization for Standardization/International Electro-Technical Commission (ISO/IEC) Guides (ISO/IEC Guide 58 for laboratory accreditors and ISO/IEC Guide 61 for registrar accreditors). An organization having made such an affirmation to NIST may accredit either fastener testing laboratories or quality system registrars for fastener manufacturers in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Act. NIST will solicit information declarations from U.S. and foreign, private accreditation bodies. The information collected will enable NIST to compile a list of accreditation bodies able to provide accreditations meeting all the requirements of the Act and of the procedures, 15 CFR part 280.

II. Method of Collection

Applicants submit required information in paper form.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0693-0015.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1.5 hours per accreditation and 20 hours per petition.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 21.5.

Estimated Annual Respondent Cost Burden: \$442.

IV. Requests for Comments

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and costs) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 17, 2003.

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Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Evaluation of Coastal Zone Management Programs and National Estuarine Research Reserves**

AGENCY: Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), DOC.

ACTION: Notice of intent to evaluate.

SUMMARY: The NOAA Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) announces its intent to evaluate the performance of the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Program

and the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Alaska.

The Coastal Zone Management Program evaluation will be conducted pursuant to section 312 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, (CZMA) and regulations at 15 CFR part 923, subpart L. The National Estuarine Research Reserve evaluation will be conducted pursuant to sections 312 and 315 of the CZMA and regulations at 15 CFR part 921, subpart E and part 923, subpart L.

The CZMA requires continuing review of the performance of States with respect to coastal program and research reserve program implementation. Evaluation of Coastal Zone Management Programs and National Estuarine Research Reserves requires findings concerning the extent to which a State has met the national objectives, adhered to its Coastal Management Program document or Reserve final management plan approved by the Secretary of Commerce, and adhered to the terms of financial assistance awards funded under the CZMA.

The evaluations will include a site visit, consideration of public comments, and consultations with interested Federal, State and local agencies and members of the public. Public meetings will be held as part of the site visits.

Notice is hereby given of the dates of the site visits for the listed evaluations, and the dates, local times, and locations of the public meetings during the site visits.

The Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Program evaluation site visit will be held May 19-23, 2003. One public meeting will be held during the week. The public meeting will be on Wednesday, May 21, 2003, at 7 p.m., in Conference Room B, William A. Powers Building, Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island 02908.

The Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve evaluation site visit will be held June 2-6, 2003. On public meeting will be held during the week. The public meeting will be on Wednesday, June 4, 2003, at 6 p.m., at the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, 2181 Kachemak Drive, Homer, Alaska 99603.

Copies of states' most recent performance reports, as well as OCRM's notifications and supplemental request letters to the states, are available upon request from OCRM. Written comments from interested parties regarding these Programs are encouraged and will be accepted until 15 days after the last public meeting. Please direct written comments to Ralph Cantral, Chief,

National Policy and Evaluation Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 10th floor, Silver Spring Maryland 20910. When the evaluations are completed, OCRM will place a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of the Final Evaluation Findings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ralph Cantral, Chief, National Policy and Evaluation Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305, East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301) 713-3155, Extension 118.

(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog 11.419 Coastal Zone Management Program Administration)

Dated: March 14, 2003.

Alan Neuschatz,

Associate Assistant Administrator for Management, Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION**In the Matter of Washington Mutual, Inc. and Its Various Subsidiaries Request for Relief**

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Order.

SUMMARY: In response to a request for relief from Washington Mutual, Inc. and its various subsidiaries (collectively, "Washington Mutual"), the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to section 1a(12)(C) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("Act"), is issuing an order that provides that, subject to certain conditions, Single Asset Development Borrowers ("SADB's") that have a natural person, who is an eligible contract participant ("ECP"), acting as a guarantor for the SADB's over-the-counter ("OTC") derivatives transactions, are "eligible contract participants" as that term is defined in section 1a(12) of the Act. Accordingly, subject to certain conditions as set forth in the Commission's order, an SADB acting for its own account, whose obligations are guaranteed by a natural person who is an ECP, is permitted to enter into certain OTC derivatives transactions pursuant to section 2(c), 2(d)(1) and 2(g) of the Act.

DATES: This order is effective March 21, 2003.